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**Lt. Governor André Bauer Recognizes Cherokee Volunteers**

Columbia, S.C. – Senior volunteers bring a wealth of experience and wisdom to the job of serving others, and five such Cherokee County residents were recognized today for their volunteer efforts by Lt. Governor André Bauer and on the floor of the South Carolina General Assembly.

Retired magistrate and city judge Jack Allison, retired tool designer Clive Skevington, retired educator Margaret McCluney, retired accountant Don Groezinger and retired nurse Carol Groezinger may have diverse backgrounds and training, but they all share a common commitment to giving something back to their home communities.

"I'm proud to recognize these five individuals as Seniors of the Day here at the State House," said Bauer. "They are all actively involved in helping to improve the lives of their fellow seniors in Cherokee County, and their neighbors are lucky to have their wisdom and experience working for them."

Skevington and McCluney are both long-time board members of the Senior Centers of Cherokee County. Skevington also volunteers with Peachtree Ministries and the Food Pantry. Allison is the chairman of the Senior Centers board and also serves on the Appalachia Council of Governments advisory board, the Baptist Ministry for Aging board and as a South Carolina Silver Haired Legislator representing Cherokee County. Don and Carol Groezinger recently completed training as Volunteer Ombudsmen with the Appalachia Area Agency on Aging. In that capacity, they will be visiting nursing homes and other long term care facilities in Cherokee county, watching out for residents and facilitating communication between families and staff. Don Groezinger also serves on the Senior Centers of Cherokee County board.

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In addition to being recognized from the floor of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, the visit to Columbia also gave the group an opportunity to do a little informal lobbying, sharing their thoughts and concerns with members of the Cherokee legislative delegation and with the Lt. Governor.

"I always look forward to meeting the folks that are working on the front lines of aging in South Carolina," said Bauer. "They know better than anyone the issues that we need to focusing on and supporting here in Columbia."

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**More on Senior Volunteers:**

- According to a survey conducted by the non-profit organization *Independent Sector*, "almost 44 percent of all people 55 and over [in the U.S.] volunteer at least once a year; over 36 percent reported that they had volunteered within the past month. These older volunteers give on average 4.4 hours per week to the causes they support. The 26.4 million senior volunteers gave approximately 5.6 billion hours of their time— a value of \$77.2 billion to nonprofit organizations and other causes in this country."  
To access the full report, "America's Senior Volunteers," visit their website at [www.independentsector.org/programs/research/senior\\_volunteers\\_in\\_america.html](http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/senior_volunteers_in_america.html)
- Seniors interested in seeking volunteer opportunities helping other seniors in Cherokee County can contact the Senior Centers of Cherokee County, Inc. at (864) 489-3868.
- The Volunteer Coordinator for the Appalachia Area Agency on Aging's Volunteer Ombudsman program is Jennifer Arnone. Call 1-800-434-4036.
- You can also search for volunteer opportunities using the SC Access web site. Visit [www.scaccesshelp.org](http://www.scaccesshelp.org) and click on "How Can I Help" to look for other volunteer opportunities in your community.